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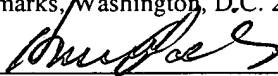
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FOR: Jig Assembly for Implantation  
of Fracture Fixation Device

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Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure 37 CFR Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTOL-1449 as well as copies of the cited documents which relate to the above-referenced patent application. Since this document submittal is being presented prior to the first examination on the merits, no fee is due herewith.

An attached article, entitled "The Hand Sourcebook" (Instruments for Surgeons), by K Medic, depicts various surgeons' tools. Dated 2002; 5 pgs.

An attached article, entitled SCS/D "Distal Radius Plate System"; by Avanta Orthopaedics 1997; 6 pgs., describes these plate systems.

The listed documents are brought to the Examiner's attention because they are known to the applicant and/or the applicant's attorney and may be considered by the Examiner to be material to his/her examination. This listing should not be construed as representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists. No inference should be made that the documents are in fact material merely because they are referenced herein.

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Moreover, no representation is made that the brief descriptions of the references herein necessarily describe the most material aspects of the references. Further, by this listing, the applicant is not making any admission regarding the relative dates of the invention and listed disclosures.

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	B	US5,458,654	10/17/95	Tepic	623	23	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	Article: "The Hand Sourcebook" (Instruments for Surgeons) by K Medic; dated 2002; 5 pgs.					
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